

CITY CODE – AUTOMATED REFUSE CARTS

Section 24-76. Issuance, responsibility for, maintenance, etc.

- (a) Initially, an automated refuse cart shall be issued to each occupied residence on each automated route at no charge. The cart is the property of the city and shall not be removed from the address if the resident should move. A cart identification number will be assigned to the resident's utility account.
- (b) The cart shall only be removed from the property by duly authorized personnel of the sanitation department.
- (c) If the cart is stolen, the resident shall report the theft to the Warner Robins police department and the sanitation department. The automated cart identification number shall be included in any such report. After receipt of the police report, the sanitation department will replace the automated cart at minimal charge to the resident.
- (d) The sanitation department will maintain an automated cart in good working condition upon notification by the resident that repairs are needed.
- (e) Ninety-gallon carts will be issued to each private residence. If one (1) automated cart is not sufficient for the amount of refuse generated weekly, additional cart(s) may be requested from the sanitation department. The resident's monthly billing amount will be determined by multiplying the current basic sanitation fee times (x) the number of carts issued to one address.

Section 24-77. Placement for collection; frequency of collection.

- (a) Automated refuse carts shall be placed immediately adjacent to the street for collection only on designated collection days.
- (b) Carts should be placed at the proper location for collection by 7:00 a.m. on designated collection days and shall be removed from the street by 7:00 p.m. of the same day. After one (1) written notice is issued to remove a cart from the street, a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) will be imposed for any subsequent violations of this requirement.
- (c) Carts shall not be placed within four (4) feet of any obstacles, i.e. mailboxes, trash, cars in driveway, etc.
- (d) Carts shall be placed no more than three (3) feet away from the street for collection.
- (e) Carts shall be placed with the identification number facing the street.
- (f) Cars parked on the street must be at least fifty (50) feet away from the cart.
- (g) Carts shall normally be serviced weekly, with the exception of holiday weeks when a collection schedule will be available through the sanitation department. Normal collection days will be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, according to route schedule for address. NOTE: Equipment failure or other unforeseeable circumstances could alter schedule on occasion.
- (h) Unless this section is complied with, the sanitation department may not provide service for automated cart.

Section 24-78. Acceptable refuse.

- (a) The following refuse is acceptable for disposal in automated refuse carts:
 - (1) Household garbage defined as acceptable in Section 24-56 of this Code (on reverse side of this sheet).
 - (2) Trash defined as acceptable in Section 24-56 of this Code; provided, however, that trash fits inside the cart without hindering the free flow of refuse from the cart when it is emptied.
- (b) An automated cart shall not be over-filled so that lid does not close properly.

Section 24-79. Unacceptable refuse.

- (a) The following items are unacceptable for disposal in automated refuse carts: Any item(s) defined as unacceptable in Section 24-63 of this Code (on reverse side of this sheet).
- (b) A fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be imposed on any person found to be guilty of this section in the municipal court.
- (c) A container containing unacceptable refuse shall not be emptied until such time as the item(s) is (are) removed from the cart.

Section 24-80. Handicapped, disabled customers.

- (a) Provisions are made for any resident who cannot utilize automated refuse carts provided, however, that the following requirements are met:
 - (1) Handicapped, disabled, or elderly residents must live alone or all persons living in household must be disabled.
 - (2) Disability forms, provided by the sanitation department, must be completed by the resident and the resident's physician and returned to the sanitation department. If more than one (1) person lives in the household, disability forms must be completed for each person.
- (b) If the above requirements are not met, an automated refuse cart will be delivered to the residence and the residence will only receive automated cart collection service.

- (c) The sanitation department will provide special service to those residents meeting these requirements provided, however, that such residents place their household refuse near the front of their home in an easily reached location, and provided that the refuse is contained in closed, durable plastic bags. Refuse must be placed for collection by 7:30 a.m. only on designated collection days.

Section 24-56. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

GARBAGE means the word as commonly used and shall include animal and vegetable waste resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking, and residue of food and like matter, and other items normally placed inside household waste containers.

TRASH means items resulting from the normal cleaning activities of residential houses and yards, such as clothing, toys, furniture, magazines, newspapers, cardboard boxes, hedge clippings, leaves, limbs, grass clippings, and other like matter. (Section 24-62 gives requirements for size, length, manner of placement, etc.)

Section 24-63. Refuse not acceptable for collection.

- (a) No leaves, limbs, or other trash placed on vacant lots by property owner or violator shall be collected.
- (b) Dirt or plant roots containing soil shall not be collected.
- (c) Limbs cut and placed near the street for collection by any person other than the resident of property will not be collected or hauled by the city.
- (d) Hypodermic needles must be placed inside a closed, nonpermeable container such as plastic bottle or milk jug and placed inside garbage containers.
- (e) The resident of property on which trees over six (6) inches in diameter are cut down, whether by the resident or another, is required to promptly, within seven (7) days following the cutting, remove or have removed from the property at his own expense, all the limbs, logs, trunks, and tops, or other debris resulting therefrom except for wood retained for firewood.
- (f) Construction materials and automotive parts are not acceptable for collection. No construction or demolition materials such as bricks, concrete blocks, wooden boxes, lumber, roofing, sheetrock, masonite, or other similar materials shall be collected by the city.
- (g) No carpet shall be collected by the city.
- (h) Dangerous materials or substances such as poisons, acids, caustics, infectious materials, explosives, etc., will not be collected by the city. Hazardous materials will not be collected by the city. Hazardous waste is defined as material which may be toxic, easily flammable, explosive, reactive or having toxic characteristics which could threaten public health, property, or the environment.
- (i) The collection of heavy dead animals, such as cows, horses, and mules, is not included in the services provided by the city, and the owner or person having charge thereof will dispose of same in the manner and by the method directed by the office of animal control of the police department.
- (j) Materials which have not been prepared for collection in accordance with these regulations shall not be collected by the city.
- (k) **ASHES WILL NOT BE COLLECTED BY THE CITY.**
- (l) Barber shops, beauty salons, pet grooming salons, etc., shall not receive collection service for discarded hair, unless the same is inside closed, plastic bags inside garbage containers.

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NOTE YOUR CART NUMBER BELOW:

CART # _____